

# Lent Red Bucket Appeal from the Charities Support Group

CSG are having a Lent Red Bucket appeal to be added to the money raised through the Tuesday Lent lunches this year. We will split the Lent money between **Embrace the Middle East** and **Bishop's Stortford Child Contact Centre**. Further information about the charities and details of online donations can be found below. We also look forward to welcoming BSCCC to talk after the service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February, over coffee in the WCC at about 11:30am.

## ***Embrace the Middle East***

Embrace is a Christian development Charity tackling poverty and injustice in the Middle East. It supports, enables and partners with Christians in the Middle East as they work to transform lives and restore the dignity of the most excluded and marginalised in their communities, through education, community support and healthcare.

More details can be found on their website, [www.embraceme.org](http://www.embraceme.org) or please speak to Rosemary Thomson.

They have launched a Gaza Crisis Appeal. Your gift will support Embrace's Christian partners in the immediate aftermath of this humanitarian crisis and help to heal the wounds it has caused across Israel – Palestine.

They ask that you hold Israel, Gaza and the West Bank (including East Jerusalem) in your prayers.

## ***Bishop's Stortford Child Contact Centre***

A community based, not for profit, child-focused charity that supports families directly impacted by separation or divorce. They currently offer supported contact and are soon to introduce supervised contact between the child and the parent/family member they don't usually live with, in a safe, neutral, family orientated space.

Attendance is by appointment only. Sessions are currently run at The Hub Church, Portland Rd, Bishop's Stortford CM23 3SL on Saturday mornings between 10am and 12 noon.

They are also currently looking into expanding our services into Sawbridgeworth and Stansted. Keep an eye on their website, [www.bsccc.co.uk](http://www.bsccc.co.uk) for more details.

## **DONATIONS**

Contributions can be made into our traditional Red Bucket in church after the services on Sundays and Wednesdays.

You can also donate in the following ways:

### **Using a BACS transfer to the CSG account**

Name- St Michael's PCC Missions

Sort code- 20-36-98 (Barclays)

Account Number-33303519

*(If you already gift aid contributions to the main PCC account then giving by BACS straight to this subsidiary account does not need a new form. Please put your name in the reference when making the transfer)*

### **By Cheque**

Made payable to **St Michael's PCC Missions** and placed in the Red Bucket after the Sunday Service or sent to St Michael's Church Parish Office, Windhill, Bishop's Stortford CM23 2ND

Thank you in advance for your support.

*Charities Support Group*